THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKMADEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No meeting of the Cotton Advisory Board was held in the month of October, 1990.

(b) and (c) During the 1990-91 cotton season quotas for export of 11.55 lakh bales of cotton have so far been released.

Effect of Single European Market on Indian Trade

503. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the effect of single European market on India trade; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have been monitoring the steps being taken by the E.E.C towards the creation of a Single European market. A Committee of Five Ambassadors under the Chairmanship of Ambassador of India to EEC was set up in 1988 and, its report submitted in 1989 was examined by an Inter-Ministerial Committee and necessary follow up initiated. This Committee has since been revived into a Standing Committee which will periodically report on the developing situation in Europe.

Share Capital for Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation

504. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a proposal from the Karnataka Government for releasing Rs 20.00 lakhs as share capital for the Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation; and

(b) If so, what action has been taken thereon

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRY (SHRI HUKMADEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action has been initiated to process the proposal of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation alongwith proposals from the other States Corporations Appex Co-operative Societies for allocation of amount within the approved budget for the current financial year 1990-91.

Prospects of Projects Exports

505. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the prospects of project exports;

(b) whether it is a fact that India having expertise in various fields can bag orders for executing projects in developed and in developing countries;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to encourage project exports in the construction sector; and

(d) whether Gvernment are aware of the recommendations of FICCI to give various fiscal incentives to project exporters and to bring changes in the FERA regulations and if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Indian firms have acquired requisite expertise in various fields for executing projects both in developed and developing countries. The Government have also an-